



"It's great to be part of Paws4Comfort!"



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Touching Hearts... One Visit at a Time

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**P**ets offer unconditional love and have the unique ability to melt away loneliness, rekindle happy memories, and soothe the soul. The Paws4Comfort program fosters



special bonds between the pet owners, the pet and the residents they visit. Sharing the affection of your beloved pet with someone who can no longer care for their own is truly a rewarding and life-enhancing experience.

For those visiting senior centers, or living in nursing homes, rehabilitation centers or other institutions, a visit from a friendly and loveable pet can make the day brighter.

Volunteers and their pets make regular visits to older adults in nursing facilities and assisted living residences, adult day care facilities, and senior centers. Pets must pass a temperament test, be well socialized and under control, have a current animal license from their county of residence, and proof of current vaccinations. Also, in accordance with the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, a health certificate must be completed by a veterinarian and kept on file for each pet in the program to ensure optimal health and safety for everyone.

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***If you are interested in volunteering, or wish to schedule a free evaluation for your pet, please contact us.***

Evaluations are held the first Wednesday of every month at the Bain Center.

## **VISIT SITES**

### **Office on Aging Senior Centers**

Bain Senior Center  
East Columbia Senior Center  
Elkridge Senior Center  
Ellicott City Senior Center  
Longwood Senior Center  
Glenwood 50+ Senior Center  
North Laurel 50+ Senior Center

### **Residences and Facilities**

#### **COLUMBIA**

Brighton Gardens  
Harmony Hall  
HUMANIM  
Lorien Health Systems  
Somerford Place  
Vantage House

#### **DAYTON**

Elternhaus Assisted Living

#### **ELKBRIDGE**

Evergreens Senior Day Center  
Lorien Elkridge

#### **ELLICOTT CITY**

Ellicott City Health and Rehab Center  
Encore at Turf Valley  
Heartlands Senior Living Village  
Ivy Manor Normandy I & II  
Lighthouse Senior Living  
Morningside House  
Shangri-La



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